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DJOU: LIQUOR COMMISSION REFORM URGENTLY NEEDED

Sixth Liquor Commission investigator pleads guilty to accepting bribes

In response to another former Liquor Commission inspector pleading guilty this week to taking bribes and with two more inspectors soon facing trial, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reiterated the urgent need for comprehensive reform within the organization.

"I said it before and I'll say it again—and Honolulu residents know it all too well—the long history of criminal activity and malfeasance at the Liquor Commission requires reform in order to restore trust in the organization," Djou said.

"To say that comprehensive Liquor Commission reform is urgently needed is almost an understatement. The Commission has been weighed down by numerous problems, from bribery convictions, employee threatening, to sexual harassment and declining employee moral. The City & County of Honolulu must immediately take action toward reform and closer oversight," Djou concluded.

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